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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND AB 939 COMPLIANCE—SB 1066 TIME EXTENSION

This report provides the status of implementation of the Solid Waste Collection System Recommendations and the AB 939 Compliance—SB 1066 Time Extension. It covers the period between February 1, 2003, and May 22, 2003.

- On February 6, 2003, Public Works released a request for proposals for automated waste collection and recycling services for the newly formed Lennox Garbage Disposal District. Recommendations for awarding a contract for these services will be forwarded to your Board for consideration at the July 1, 2003, Board meeting. As directed by your Board on May 13, 2003, Public Works has initiated the Proposition 218 process to levy a direct assessment on the property tax bill. Notices have been mailed to all owners of property within the District notifying them of the proposed assessment. On July 1, 2003, your Board will also be conducting the required Proposition 218 hearing. If the Proposition 218 and contract award process is successful, the District will begin operation on August 1, 2003.
- Public Works continues to meet with County Counsel to develop a franchise system for the County unincorporated areas. Proposed revisions to the County Code to authorize franchises in the County unincorporated areas have been drafted and are currently being reviewed by Public Works, Health Services, and County Counsel. Once the County Code revisions have been finalized, Public Works will submit them for Board consideration, which is anticipated for June 2003.

A model franchise agreement has been developed and is currently being finalized by County Counsel. Once the County Code revisions have been adopted by your Board, Public Works, in consultation with Board offices, will be conducting a series of community meetings (on a community-by-community basis) in each proposed franchise area. We anticipate conducting meetings for the first franchise area in August 2003. At the conclusion of each round of meetings, the Agreements will be submitted to the Board for consideration.

- Public Works and County Counsel met with the representatives from the Building Industry Association and several large home builders on March 26, 2003, to hear their comments and concerns related to the proposed Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance, which would require construction and demolition projects to recycle 50 percent of their construction and demolition debris. The Building Industry Association has provided comments, and we have revised the proposed Ordinance to incorporate their recommendations. A follow-up meeting with Building Industry Association representatives will be scheduled to discuss these revisions.
- Public Works and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County are working to develop the waste origin verification program required by the Puente Hills Landfill Conditional Use Permit. The CUP would allow the Landfill to receive up to 13,200 tons of solid waste per day through 2013. Currently, most of the waste originating in the unincorporated areas is being disposed at the Landfill.

A new CUP for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is currently under consideration by Regional Planning. Public Works continues to work with Regional Planning, County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and other County departments to finalize draft conditions for the Regional Planning Commission's consideration. The operator of the Landfill is requesting the new CUP to operate the Landfill in the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles as a single (combined) operation. We intend to include a CUP provision that requires a waste verification program similar to the one contained in the Puente Hills Landfill CUP.

- In late 2002, the California Integrated Waste Management Board released draft regulations to address the deficiencies of the State's Disposal Reporting System. These deficiencies, which have significantly hampered jurisdictions' efforts to mathematically comply with the State's waste diversion mandates, were first identified by the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force and concurred by your Board on July 27, 1999. Public Works, in coordination with the Task Force, continues to monitor the development of these regulations.

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We will submit the next status report in August 2003. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Don Wolfe at (626) 458-4014, or Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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